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To: Local Licensing Authorities  
From: Ralph Sacramone, Executive Director  
Subject: 2008 Calendar of Holidays  
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The following is a list of legal holidays and the dates on which they will be observed for **Calendar Year 2008**.

Please save this calendar of holidays and holiday hours for 2008 and share it with your licensees. If there are any questions, please call the ABCC.

1. All licensees **MAY** sell or deliver alcoholic beverages on the following holidays:

<b>New Year's Day</b>	<b>Tuesday, January 1</b>
<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>	<b>Monday, January 21</b>
<b>Presidents' Day</b>	<b>Monday, February 18</b>
<b>Evacuation Day*</b>	<b>Monday, March 17</b>
<b>Patriots' Day</b>	<b>Monday, April 21</b>
<b>Bunker Hill Day*</b>	<b>Tuesday, June 17</b>
<b>Independence Day</b>	<b>Friday, July 4</b>
<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>Monday, September 1</b>
<b>Columbus Day</b>	<b>Monday, October 13</b>
<b>Veterans' Day</b>	<b>Tuesday, November 11</b>

- \* Holiday in Suffolk County only

Package stores **MAY** remain open until 11:30 p.m. on the day immediately before these holidays.

2. Package stores, manufactures\*, wholesalers and importers\* **MAY NOT** sell or deliver alcoholic beverages on the following holidays:

<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>Monday, May 26</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Day*</b>	<b>Thursday, November 27</b>
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>Thursday, December 25</b>

- \* Except to Section 14 licensees

Hotels, restaurants, taverns and clubs **MAY** sell alcoholic beverages during the regular hours on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27, 2008.

Registered pharmacists **MAY NOT** sell alcoholic beverages (or alcohol) at any time during the day except upon the prescription of a registered physician on all mentioned holidays.

**SUNDAY SALES BY SECTION 15 LICENSEES  
ANNUALLY ON A STATEWIDE BASIS**

Effective April 5, 2004, pursuant to the provisions of Acts 2004, Chapter 65, Sections 21 and 22, any Section 15 (off-premise) licensee may make sales on Sundays, subject to the conditions that: there shall be no sales prior to the hour of 12:00 noon; that establishments which employ more than 7 persons shall compensate all employees a rate of not less than one and one-half of the employee's regular rate; no employee shall be required to work on a Sunday and refusal to work on a Sunday shall not be grounds for discrimination, dismissal, discharge, deduction of hours or any other penalty. No additional permit or approval is required any longer from the local licensing authority. A municipality may prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sundays annually by Section 15 (off-premise) licensees by vote of the City Council or Board of Selectmen.

Any Section 15 (off-premise) licensee that conducts business on a Sunday as provided by the law may cease the conduct of business on 1 day of the week notwithstanding the provisions of Section 77 of Chapter 138. M.G.L. c.138, s.33(c), as inserted by Acts 2003, Chapter 141, Section 32.